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Please amend the following claims:

C3 2. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first and second nucleic acids are perfectly complementary to each other.

C4 5. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first and second nucleic acids are minimally complementary to each other.

6. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, 2, 5, or 23 wherein at least one of said first and second nucleic acids are labeled.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 14, 16-26 and 28 are pending.

Claim Objections

Applicant has amended original claims 2, 5, and 6, and has cancelled claim 27, in compliance with recommendations made by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112, First and Second Paragraphs

Claim 20 (and dependent claims 17, 21, 22 and 28) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, as being indefinite and not enabled by the specification. Specifically, the Examiner states that the specification fails to describe the term "homology scanning." Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant notes that the phrase "homology scanning" is defined in the specification on page 25 as any of a number of potential biological activities which are exhibited by the compositions that are claimed in Applicant's invention. Applicant further states that the phrase "homology scanning" is routinely and widely used in the art. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.